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REPORT OF SELECTMEN

VALUATION OF TOWN

Real estate,	$248,335 00
Horses, 72,	4,225 00
Mules, 1,	50 00
Cows, 173,	14,500 00
Other neat stock, 40,	2,385 00
Sheep, 19,	140 00
Hogs, 2,	30 00
Fowls, 1,038,	1,441 00
Vehicles, 3,	200 00
Portable mills, 5,	350 00
Gasoline tanks and pumps, 1,	200 00
Stock in trade,	700 00
Electric power line,	88,575 00
	$361,131 00

TAXES ASSESSED FOR THE YEAR

State tax,	$764 40
County tax,	733 19
Town charges,	650 00
School tax,	2,712 72
Highways and bridges,	898 92
Special highway,	400 00
State aid maintenance,	1,000 00
State aid construction,	538 50
Street lights,	400 00
Old Home Day,	50 00
Payment on history note,	500 00

Snow plow,	100 00
Overlay,	378 21
	$9,125 94
Polls, 101 at $2.00,	$202 00
Bank stock,	$16 00
Amount committed to collector,	$8,870 74

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF SURRY

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer Jan. 31, 1931,	$1,004 83
Due from state maintenance account,	672 48
Due from state construction account,	101 59
Uncollected taxes, 1930,	1,912 40
Due from county pauper claim,	50 00
Due from state bounty on hedgehogs,	33 00
	$3,774 40

LIABILITIES

Due schools,	$367 51
Due schools, 1930 dog tax,	103 27
Unexpended balance in state treasury,	774 07
Unexpended balance in town treasury,	438 85
Unexpended balance on horse sheds,	12 30
History note,	1,700 00
Salaries due town officers,	218 00
	$3,614 00

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall,	$8,000 00
Furniture and equipment,	350 00

Highway equipment,	350 00
Fire department,	100 00
Wright grove,	400 00
School houses and land,	2,500 00
Library building lot,	250 00
Town histories,	3,400 00
	$15,350 00

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

REGISTRY OF DOGS FOR 1930

37 male dogs,	$74 00	
8 female dogs,	40 00	
2 male pups,	2 80	
		$116 80

PAID

For dog tags and postage,	$4 13	
Clerk's fees,	9 40	
		13 53
Paid treasurer,		$103 27

REPORT OF PERMITS FOR REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Issued 43 permits for 1930,	$115 97
Issued 50 permits for 1931,	163 90
	$279 87
Paid treasurer,	$279 87

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES V. STILLINGS,

Town Clerk.

Surry, N. H., Jan. 31, 1931.

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For Year Ending Jan. 31, 1931

Current revenue—from local taxes:	
Property taxes, current year,	$6,591 62
Poll taxes,	94 00
Property and poll taxes, previous years,	1,993 65
	$8,679 27
From the state:	
State aid highway maintenance,	$848 80
State aid highway construction,	462 13
Railroad tax,	17 00
Savings bank tax,	101 14
Bounties,	12 20
Tax on interest and dividends,	85 46
	$1,526 73
From the county:	
Pauper account,	$237 50
Local sources except taxes:	
Rent of town hall,	$11 50
Dog licenses,	103 27
Interest collected on taxes,	81 24
Permits for registration of motor vehicles, (1930),	115 97
Permits for registration of motor vehicles, (1931),	163 90
	$475 88

Receipts other than current revenue:

Temporary loan,	$1,700 00
Sale of lumber,	1 26
Sale of town histories,	25 00
Trust fund,	100 00
	$1,826 26
Total receipts from all sources,	$12,745 64
Cash on hand Feb. 1st, 1930.	1,765 52
	$14,511 16

EXPENDITURES

Paid 167 orders drawn on the treasury by the selectmen,	$13,506 33
Balance in treasury Feb. 1st, 1931,	1,004 83
	$14,511 16

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES V. STILLINGS,

Town Treasurer.

DISBURSEMENTS BY ORDER OF SELECTMEN

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

H. W. Harvey, services as selectman,	$75 00
Geo. B. Conley, services as selectman,	60 00
Robert M. Crain, services as selectman,	60 00
E. W. Carpenter, services as tax collector,	75 00
J. V. Stillings, services as town clerk,	23 00
James E. Harvey, services as town treasurer,	15 00
J. V. Stillings, services as town treasurer,	15 00
H. W. Harvey, services as moderator,	9 00
Edward M. Britton, services as sexton,	25 00
Grace E. Stillings, services as auditor,	10 00
Arthur M. Carpenter, services as supervisor,	9 00
Alice I. Crain, services as supervisor,	9 00
Ellen H. Scripture, services as supervisor,	9 00
James E. Harvey, services as ballot inspector,	2 00
Grace E. Stillings, services as ballot inspector,	6 00
E. W. Ball, services as ballot inspector,	4 00
	$406 00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Bonds for town officers,	$37 00
Printing town reports,	48 97
O. E. Cain, town counsel,	10 00
Supplies, stationery, telephone,	22 13
Selectmen, attending tax commission,	6 00
Use of autos,	7 00
	$131 10

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Lights for town hall and library,	$13 98
Insurance for 3 years,	191 25
Wood for hall and library,	11 25
Janitor,	7 00
	$223 48

PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Keene fire department,	$20 00
Calf killed by dogs,	15 00
Bounty on hedgehogs,	33 00
	$68 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Balance in state treasury, 1929,	$1,188 51	
Balance in town treasury, 1929,	594 26	
Balance for 1930,		$1,782 77
Appropriation by state, 1930,	$2,000 00	
Appropriation by town, 1930,	1,000 00	
Total appropriation, 1930,		$3,000 00
Expended by E. M. Britton,	$999 64	
Expended by F. G. Huntley,	1,083 55	
Expended by selectmen,	23 62	
Expended by state,	1,667 23	
Total expenditures,		$3,774 04

STATE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Balance in town treasury,	$91 20	
Balance in state treasury,	91 20	
Total joint fund,		$182 40
Appropriated by the state, 1930,	$538 00	
Appropriated by the town, 1930,	538 50	
Total appropriation, 1930,		$1,076 50
Expended by state,	$64 97	

Expended by town,	989 74	
Total expenditures,		$1,054 71
Balance in state treasury,	$101 59	
Balance in town treasury,	102 60	
Unexpended balance for 1931,		$204 19

TOWN HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

Expended by Clifford Wilbur,	$449 19
Expended by M. C. Lewis,	252 34
Expended by Henry Porter,	74 37
Clifford Wilbur, breaking roads,	42 93
Henry Porter, breaking roads,	10 17
Fred Huntley, breaking roads,	158 80
Expended by selectmen on Newton road,	338 86
Expended by selectmen, sanding road,	2 32
	$1,328 98

GENERAL EXPENSE OF HIGHWAY

E. L. Cobb, building snow plow,	$125 00
Other expense on plow,	28 55
Knowlton & Stone Co., tools,	4 86
	$158 41

LIBRARY

Librarian,	$91 00
Expense of new light,	6 17
Cleaning library,	26 50
	$123 67

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES

Memorial Day, flags and flowers,	$13 05

OLD HOME DAY

Expense,	$50 00

STREET LIGHTS

Public Service Co. of N. H.,	$400 00

TOWN POOR

Aid,	$2 90

COUNTY POOR

	$187 50

CARE OF CEMETERIES

Mowing South cemetery,	$2 25
Mowing West Hill cemetery,	2 00
Care of Village cemetery,	9 00
	$13 25

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Vital statistics,	$4 00

AUTO PERMITS

Registration fees,	$23 25

TRUST FUND

Received from Helen J. Wilcox estate,	$100 00

PAYMENT ON LOANS

Ashuelot-Citizens Bank,	$1,700 00
Interest on note,	23 39
Emma Ellis,	500 00
Interest on note,	110 00

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

State tax,	$764 40
County tax,	733 19
School district,	3,345 21

Respectfully submitted,

HOLLIS W. HARVEY,
GEO. B. CONLEY,
ROBERT M. CRAIN,
Selectmen of Surry.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Town of Surry, January 31, 1931

Trust Funds	Original Principal	Balance of income at beginning of year	Income during year	Expended during year	Balance of income on hand at end of year
Sumner Wilder,	$200.00		$9.10	$9.10	
Mary Hayward,	200.00	$200.24	17.80	27.90	$190.14
Sara Aldrich,	100.00	114.23	9.73	3.90	120.06
Charles W. Reed,	100.00	12.98	5.10	7.00	11.08
Marietta C. Wright,	5,000		225.00	225.00	
Abijah Benton,	50.00		2.27	2.25	.02
Hattie E. Streeter,	100.00	14.52	5.19	3.50	16.21
Arthur H. Britton and Stella Britton Jenks,	200.00	12.40	9.64	3.50	18.54
Mary A. Joslin,	100.00	2.00	4.63		6.63
Francis F. Field Family burial lot,	100.00	.67	4.56		5.23
Frank E. Nesmith,	150.00		5.54		5.54
Helen J. Wilcox.	100.00		2.00		2.00
Reed Free Library,	4,000.00		80.00	80.00	
Library Bldg. Fund,	2,731.75	393.15	139.83		543.98

NOTE—The Library Building fund may receive additions to the principal at any time.

W. MORSE WILSON,
ERNEST W. CARPENTER,
JAMES V. STILLINGS,
Trustees.

REPORT OF TOWN AUDITOR

I hereby certify that I have audited the accounts of the town officers of Surry and find them to be correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, with vouchers therefor.

GRACE E. STILLINGS,
Auditor.

FEB. 9, 1931.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Surry:

I herein submit my eighth annual report as superintendent of schools.

Herbert Spencer told us many years ago that "to prepare for complete living is the function which education has to discharge; and the only rational mode of judging of any educational course is to judge in what degree it discharges such functions."

Today this definition implies not only a knowledge of the "Three R's, a reasonable accuracy in the fundamentals, a workable habit in the mechanics and skills of knowledge but also an adjustment to conditions which prevailing isms and a machine age have brought upon us.

The propaganda in the form of various isms which are attacking our institutions can be successfully met only through education. The rising generation must have its intellectual activity aroused and strengthened through the habits of cogent reasoning. Pupils must be taught to think. Teachers must not be content with the **when, where** and **what** but more attention must be placed on the **why.** That is, factual questions alone will not accomplish our ends but we must rely more on reasoning projects rightly directed. The walking encyclopedia of facts is not the educated man of today. For often the facts of the Past become the untruths of the Present, especially in science.

Again, the need for training for leisure has been forced upon us during the last year more strongly than ever before. The unemployment situation is provocative of our most serious consideration. Labor, today, is calling for the eight-hour day

and the five-day week and machines are doing the work that was done by human brain and muscle. What will the rising generation do with their leisure time? How can we train the young so that they can utilize their leisure in beneficial rather than in detrimental ways? How can our pupils be taught to be appreciative and to gain enjoyment from reflection, meditation and thought instead of eternally seeking nervous excitation, so-called thrills? How can we cultivate in our leisure time an appreciation of the culture that we have inherited from former ages and is available for all of us in literature, in art, in music, in architecture and in the beauty and mystery of nature? These are questions which challenge our best intelligence and thought.

PROMOTIONS

The following number of promotions per grade were made in June:

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
North End,	2	2			4	1		
Village,	3		4	3	2	2	1	
Totals,	5	2	4	3	6	3	1	0

These promotions were made on the five point basis, viz.: regularity of attendance, term rank, standard tests, judgment of teacher and judgment of superintendent.

The Stanford Achievement Tests were given. Test V was given at mid-year and test W was given in June. In both tests, the pupils maintained creditable standing in their respective grades.

TEACHERS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1930

North End, Mrs. E. Marteile Marston.
Village, Mrs. Ruth G. Connor.

Judging from the impressions received on frequent visits of inspection and from results obtained with standard tests, I feel safe in saying that the teachers have maintained a favorable reputation for efficiency in teaching and results in drill work. The results in all tests showed a normal year's work and the classes well graded.

The same teachers continue their services in the schools the present year. Long service of experienced teachers tends to stability in the school system. At West Hill, a cadet school was opened in September. This school under the direction of Miss Farnum, the critic teacher, is making good progress.

At time of writing, all the schools are well organized and give promise of a successful year.

HEALTH ACTIVITIES

The school nurse, Marion K. Warner R. N., examined 30 pupils and 2 teachers in the month of Oct. 1929 with the following results:

Underweight, (10%),	9
Defective vision,	3
Nervous condition,	1
Deformity,	1
Defective teeth,	24
Diseased tonsils,	15
Defective speech,	4
Pupils receiving treatment:	
Deformity,	1
Number defects corrected:	
Defective teeth,	8
Diseased tonsils,	1
Protection against communicable diseases:	
Number vaccinated,	22
Number excused by board of health,	4
Number unsuccessfully vaccinated three times,	2

SPECIAL WORK

Dental clinic, held at Gilsum, Mar. 30, number treated,	2
Dental clinic, held at Keene, Apr. 30, number treated,	6
Tonsil and adenoid clinic, held at Keene, May 30, number treated,	2

NEW STATE COURSE OF STUDY

The New State Course of Study was placed in the schools in September. This course of study is an improvement on the old course, more extensive, more teachable, and will give a more unified and standardized course throughout the state.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the school board, teachers, parents and citizens for their co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK T. JOHNSON,

Superintendent of Schools.

Marlborough, N. H., Feb. 12, 1931.

HONOR ROLL

Pupils Neither Absent Nor Tardy

FIRST PERIOD OF NINE WEEKS

Mary Anderson
Elizabeth Ball
*Lois Ball
William Ball
Sarah Ball
Ray Davis
Marie LaBounty
Ethel Little
*Florence Lewis
*Lillian Lewis
Mary Malcolm

SECOND PERIOD OF NINE WEEKS

Mary Anderson
Lois Ball
William Ball
Charles Buffum
Florence Lewis
Lillian Lewis

THIRD PERIOD OF NINE WEEKS

Lois Ball
Eleanor Conant
Florence Lewis
Lillian Lewis
Nancy Scripture

FOURTH PERIOD OF NINE WEEKS

Mary Anderson
Lois Ball
Sarah Ball
Charles Buffum
Alice Conant
Dorothy Conley
Florence Lewis
Lillian Lewis
Elizabeth Merritt
Mary Malcolm
Bertha Scripture

*Perfect attendance for year.

GENERAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1930

Length of school year in weeks,	36
Total enrollment,	30
Average membership,	26.02
Average attendance,	25.03
Percent of attendance,	96.19
Percent of attendance for the district,	95.62
Percent of attendance for the state,	95.50
Number of tardinesses,	69
Number of visits by citizens,	15
Number of visits by superintendent,	34

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

FINANCIAL REPORT

For School Year Ending June 30, 1930

RECEIPTS

State and federal aid:	
Equalization fund,	$643 88
Local taxation:	
For the support of elementary schools,	1,861 12
High school tuition,	746 22
Salaries district officers,	64 00
Per capita tax,	90 00
Repairs,	100 00
Dog licenses,	31 63
Income from trust funds,	9 10
Cash on hand July 1, 1929,	1,145 95
Total,	$4,691 05

EXPENDITURES

Salaries district officers,	$64 00
Superintendent's salary,	71 44
Expenses of administration,	3 88
Teachers' salaries,	2,000 00
Text books,	51 67
Scholars' supplies,	38 86
Other expenses of instruction,	6 76
Janitor service,	107 50
Fuel,	69 00

Janitors' supplies,	15 55
Minor repairs,	29 25
Medical inspection,	35 30
Transportation of pupils,	535 00
High school tuition,	601 64
Per capita tax,	90 00
Insurance,	80 00
Alteration of buildings,	100 00
New equipment,	23 77
Cash on hand June 30, 1930,	767 43
Total,	$4,691 05

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1931-32

Amount to be raised by district for support of elementary schools,	$1,912 63
Salaries of district officers,	64 00
High school tuition,	350 00
Superintendent's excess salary,	71 46
Per capita tax,	76 00
Total,	$2,474 19
Special appropriation's for electricity for school houses and general repairs,	$100 00

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIE E. SCRIPTURE,
ERNEST W. BALL,
ALICE CRAIN,
School Board.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the Year Ending June 30, 1930

Balance in treasury June 30, 1929,	$1,145 95
Refund on check,	75
Dec. 17, from town treasurer,	1,000 00
Feb. 11, from Sumner Wilder fund,	9 10
Feb. 11, from town treasurer,	859 74
Feb. 11, from town treasurer, dog tax,	31 63
Feb. 18. from state treasurer,	643 88
June 18, from town treasurer,	500 00
Total receipts,	$4.191 05
Paid 113 orders by school board,	3,923 62
Balance on hand June 30, 1930,	$267 43
Due from town,	$500 00

CLARENCE H. FRENCH,
District Treasurer.

VITAL STATISTICS

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature, passed June session, 1887, amended by the legislature of 1889, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the Annual Report," Ihereby submit the following:

Births Registered in the Town of Surry, N.H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1930

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex and Condition. Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Jan. 20	Shirley Rebecca	F	L	10	Ernest W. Ball	Victoria N. Webster	Farmer	Chicago, Ill.	Alstead		
Aug. 11	Harry Clinton	M	L	2	Merton R. Tenney	Bernice Jennison	Farmer	Westmoreland	Georgetown, Ms.		
Oct. 17	Norman	M	L	3	Clifton Chambers, Jr.	Lillian F. Rumrill	Laborer	Keene	Greenfield		
Nov. 11	Robert Justus	M	L	1	Rufus J. Heath	Elizabeth A. Davis	Laborer	Gilsum	Surry		

Marriages Registered in the Town of Surry, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1930

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age in years.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
June 18	Surry	Charles S. Winchester	E Westmore'd	40	Truckman	Westmoreland	Sumner Winchest'r Abbie Gassett	Westmoreland Langdon	1st	Rv E H Newc'b
		Eva A. White	Surry	25	At home	Surry	Edwin S. White Viola M. Britton	Walpole Surry	1st	Keene
Sept. 6	Westmins'r Vt	Frank H. Wilcox	Westmins'r Vt	30	Laborer	Westminster, Vt	James Wilcox Mattie Miller	Vermont Vermont	1st	Rv F H Reeves
		Ada M. Benware	Surry	18		Westminster, Vt	Harry Benware Mary Pecar	Chester, Vt. Charlestown	1st	Westminster, Vt.

*What marriage—whether 1st, 2d, etc.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Surry, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1930

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age			Place of Birth.	Sex and Cond'n		Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male or Female.	S., M., W.*	Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 8	Lucy J. Wilber	83	1	19	Putney, Vt.	F	M	Putney, Vt.		Rufus Pierce	Eliza J. Black
Feb. 13	Cyrus D. Davis	82	1	8	Royalston, Mass.	M	W	Richmond	Royalston, Mass.	Cyrus Davis	Dulcena Gale
Mar. 2	Sabrina W. P. Britton	80	10	22	Swanzey	F	W	Swanzey	Swanzey	Edward Perry	Emeline Williams
Apr. 4	Moses King	71	6	10	New York	M	M				
May 17	Charles J. Woods	37	3	19	Keene	M	M	Keene	Leominster, Mass.	Charles E. Woods	Nellie Stone
" 17	Charles H. Richer	27	8	29	Canada	M	S	Canada	Canada	Phillipe Richer	Veronque Dupaul
July 28	Wilber (Infant)				Keene	M	S	Keene	Hinsdale	Hollis Wilber	Pauline Sweet
Sept. 2	James E. Harvey	68	11	25	Surry	M	M	Surry	Surry	George K. Harvey	Sarah Wilcox
" 5	Eugene R. Carpenter	81	0	4	Surry	M	W	Surry	Acworth	William Carpenter	Abigail White
Oct. 21	Etta G. Parks	66			Upton, Mass.	F	M				

*Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES V. STILLINGS,
Town Clerk.